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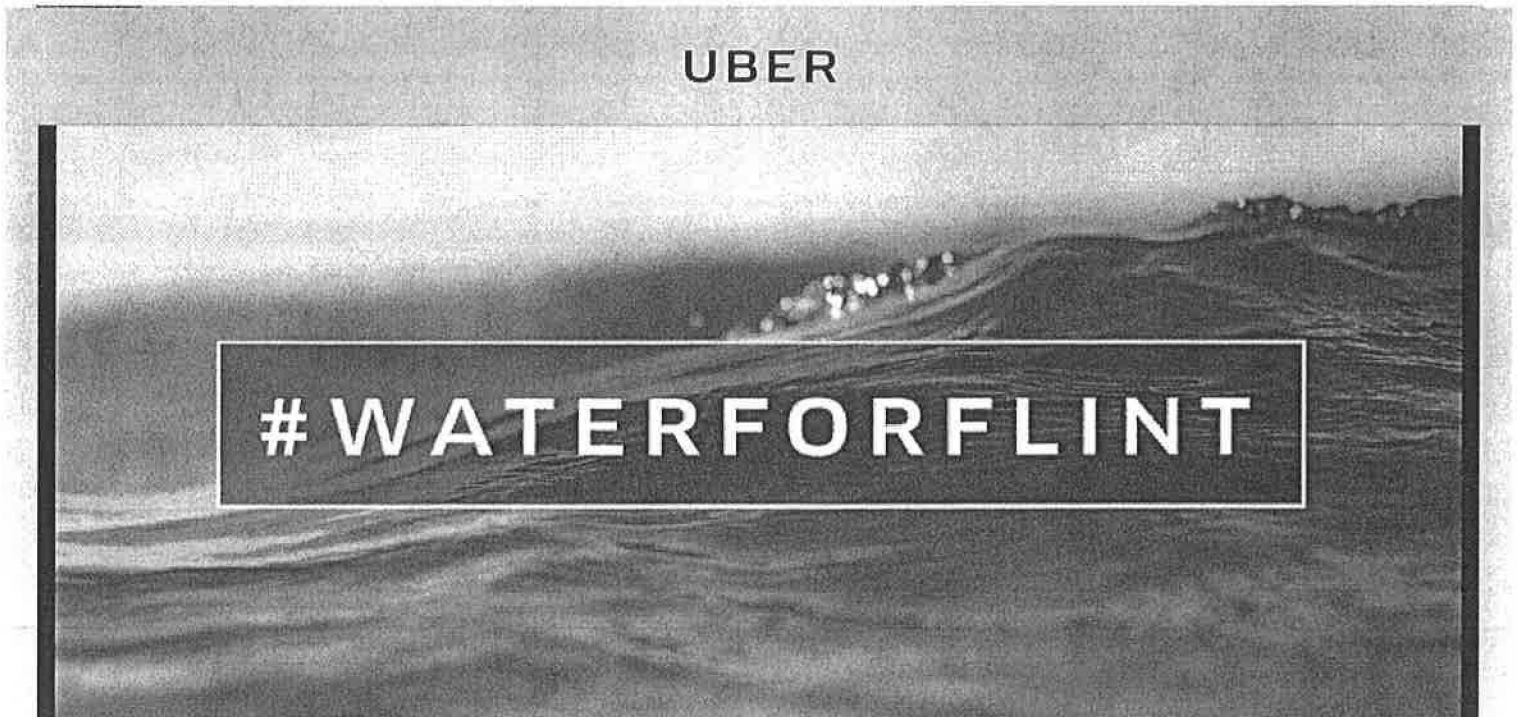
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Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Hovey, Amy; Andy.Leavitt@mail.house.gov
Subject: Fwd: Can you tell the President to 'Get the lead out ...'?

Hello Amy and Andy,

I am forwarding this email I just sent to Cliff Kellogg, the Executive Director of the Detroit Federal Working Group. I met him last week when I attended the MSHDA Board Meeting to, once again, protest the State's proposed give-away of the Kid's MI State Fairgrounds to some 'select, well-connected individuals.'

Perhaps Congressman Kildee can use this to get the real people responsible for the poisoning of Flint' children to pay ...the Federal Government ...and the State.

Then, the \$4 million that the Mott Foundation is willing to pay for someone else's mistake, could be used to address the prenatal alcohol issue I asked Congressman Kildee to help with. That's a good idea, isn't it?

Maybe Congressman Kildee could also ask Mayor Dayne Walling, who sits on the MEDC Executive Committee, the people responsible for the Kwame-style deal to give-away the Fairgrounds, to make some noise and get that *deal* stopped.

I told him a long time ago it wasn't a good idea to drink Flint River water, but he didn't listen, and to stop the Fairgrounds deal ...but he wouldn't do it.

Perhaps he'll do it now?

A 'Kwame-style deal' orchestrated by the Governor's office. Can you believe it?

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Jim

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To: CKellogg@omb.eop.gov

Mr Kellogg,

Can you tell President Obama to '*get the lead out of his rear*' and come and help Michigan's children before Governor Snyder, Mayor Duggan, newly appointed DWSD-R Director Gary Brown, and the DWSD Water Board, poison them all! Please?

As you may have heard, I heard it up in Canada (a country that overwhelmingly supports the President) on the CBC-Radio, that Flint's children have been poisoned by lead in their water. Of course, I knew that. I was on my way back home to Canada, fortunately, when I heard it. I was returning from Detroit where I attended the DWSD Water Board meeting where they voted to appoint Gary Brown to be the Director of DWSD-R.

I 'suggested' to the Water Board that Duggan's appointments were '**butt backwards**' and that Palencia Mobley, a Professional Civil Engineer, nominated by Duggan to be DWSD-R Deputy Director, should really be the Director and that Gary Brown should work ***under her*** ...or preferably not at all.

Gary Brown has no business being anywhere near the water and wastewater treatment operation. He is a professional 'police officer'. While he was there, the police department was under federal oversight.

I am a Detroit 'engineer' and have done work at the DWSD-WWTP. My boss, and former business partner, a German who emigrated to Canada, built the DWSD Port Huron Water Intake Tunnel in 1969 that supplied Flint's children with the cleanest drinking water on the planet.

As a relative newcomer to Detroit, you may not know the whole story with regards to the crisis at the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department, and the crisis in Flint, but this all came about as a result of the **failed 40 year FEDERAL Oversight of Judge Feikens**. The problem with DWSD in 1976 could have been fixed in a year had Feikens understood the 'root cause' of the EPA's lawsuit against DWSD and fixed it.

The 'root cause' was a change in the Detroit City Charter that no longer required the Director of DWSD to be a Professional Engineer and instead, he/she could be a '**political lackey**' of the Mayor. This opened the door wide for fraud, corruption, mismanagement and the resultant increase in water rates that precipitated the unnecessary Karegnondi Water Authority and Flint's disconnect from the 'cleanest drinking water on the planet' to drinking lead contaminated water...and poisoning our children.

While this wasn't a federal problem to begin with ...the failure of the federal government to step in and quickly rectify the problem was.

We need the President to insist that the Director's of ALL water & wastewater treatment facilities be Professional Engineers who swear oaths on their licenses to protect the health and well being of the public and who can tell anyone, the President included, where to go when they are asked to do stupid things that endanger the public.

Will you pass that message along to the President for me please. For the sake of the children.

I heard from Gary Brown that Mayor Duggan was in D.C. while the vote to appoint him was being held. Was he with the President discussing how to get out of the 'Kwame-style deal' he supports to give away the kids Fairgrounds to his friends ...***by any chance?***

Poison them and steal their Fairgrounds ...does the President approve of such behaviour?

If so, I'm glad I did one smart thing in my life**marry a Canadian!** And the President was right ...a single-payer universal health care system is the way to go.

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Sent from my iPhone

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Date: October 13, 2015 at 6:54:26 AM EDT
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Greg,

You and I go back a long way. If you recall, very early in Rick's first campaign (2010), I met you at Rick's Ann Arbor campaign office, when I asked Rick to walk a mile with me through Ann Arbor during my first 685 mile walk to D.C. to get help for the innocent children whose brains are permanently damaged by prenatal alcohol exposure. He refused.

We also met at one of Rick's first town hall meetings in Kalamazoo. His answers to the crowd on my two questions were: 'We have to care for the mentally ill and mentally disabled [fetal alcohol cases] or it comes back and 'bites us in the rear'...but I'm not going to raise alcohol taxes, or any taxes, to fix the problem. I'll find the money somewhere else.'

On my way through Ann Arbor, I wore a 'Rick for Michigan' sticker ...on my 'rear'.

But every time he 'finds money' ...instead of fixing the problem ...he stashes it the Rainy Day Fund! Why?

I'm an 'engineer' and Rick is a glorified accountant.

I can help him solve, not only the prenatal alcohol issue (which will solve many, MANY of his problems), but the Flint/DWSD water crisis, and the MI State Fairgrounds/REGIONAL Transportation issue, as well. That's what I do. Get to the 'root cause' and fix problems.

Rick just needs to listen to reasonand give me the money.

Here is my comment to today's Free Press article on Guns. It's not the guns ...it's alcohol!

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I have forwarded this to Congressman Dan Kildee's office. On my second walk to D.C., I was told that former Congressman Dale Kildee was approached by some Flint foundations about addressing the prenatal alcohol exposure issue. Why doesn't Rick, pick up the entire tab for the DWSD water hook-up, and use the \$4 million dollar Mott money to address the prenatal alcohol issue?

Guns in Michigan churches? Bars? Schools? Maybe

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/13/michigan-gun-bill-legislature-debate/73819462/>



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Snyder said that incident [Sandy Hook mass school shooting] was a factor in his decision-making, and that he wanted a broader review that included school emergency policies and the handling of mental health issues.

What is wrong with Governor Snyder ...and Brian Calley? Are all CPA's such bad problem solvers? He HAS the answer but he can't, or won't, 'see it'. The FATAL Link with most mass school shootings is PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE. Those cases of autistic/Aspergers should be analyzed for possible links to prenatal alcohol exposure., i.e., Sandy Hook & Oregon.

In his first State of the State, Snyder stated the need to start PRENATTALY in his Education Reform Plan. Why, has he done nothing to promote that agenda ...PUBLICLY and forcibly? Calley, deliberately kept the issue of prenatal alcohol exposure, the leading cause of cognitive disabilities, out of the Mental Health & Wellness Report. Why?

What is wrong with Rick? He poisons Flint's children with lead because he can't figure out the water problem, and he has the answer, but won't do anything about The POVERTY/CRIME TRAP? let the moths out of your purse (the \$600 million Rainy Day Fund) and FIX these problems!

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Excellent – thanks for the info Brian –
I believe a few conversations are happening on this issue with SBO and others.
Perhaps we get a quickie conversation together so that everyone is on the same page...

Thanks
Mel

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Mel,

Pursuant to my email below on Tuesday night, I ran the following options past our legal team to ensure grant disbursement for the following purposes would be allowable. I have received the green light on all of these. Furthermore, I have renumbered them based upon MSHDA's preferred use of our grant funding.

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Our grants staff team is already drafting the necessary background materials for a potential grant application request. We would just need to know the recipient of the grant and purpose (allowable uses).

B.

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735 E. Michigan Ave. | Lansing, MI 48912
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Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 5:05 PM
To: Brown, Melanie (LARA) <BrownM45@michigan.gov>
Subject: Grant Resource Use for Flint from MSHDA

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Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:26 AM
To: Arwood, Steve (MEDC); Elsenheimer, Kevin (MSHDA); Comai, Stephanie (LARA); Bright McClanahan, Amanda (MEDC); Tedder, Greg (LARA); Hendges, Jeremy (LARA); Mills, Brian (MSHDA)
Subject: FW: NEWS RELEASE: Gov. Rick Snyder: Move back to Detroit water provides best protection for public health in Flint

Mott will give \$4 million to the effort...

From: GOV Newsroom [mailto:govnewsroom@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:23 AM
To: Brown, Melanie (LARA)
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Governor Rick Snyder
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News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015

Gov. Rick Snyder: Move back to Detroit water provides best protection for public health in Flint

State, city, Mott Foundation, join to fund switch until KWA is ready

FLINT, Mich. – Flint families and children will be better protected by reconnecting with the Great Lakes Water Authority as the source of the city's drinking water until the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline is completed, Gov. Rick Snyder said.

Snyder said Thursday that he will request the state Legislature to provide half, or \$6 million, of the \$12 million needed to reconnect with the authority through next summer, when the KWA is expected to be completed. The Flint city government will provide \$2 million and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has committed \$4 million.

"All Flint residents need clean, safe drinking water," Snyder said. "The technical experts helping the city on its water advisory all agree this move back to the Great Lakes Water Authority provides the best public health protection for children and families. This effort today is the result of people coming together to solve a problem. I appreciate Detroit's willingness to reconnect with Flint, the Mott Foundation's generous commitment, and the dedication of all parties to come together to protect Flint families and children."

Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection and to assist with health and infrastructure issues. Flint's move to the Great Lakes Water Authority is expected to cost about \$1.3 million per month until the Karegnondi Water Authority is completed next summer.

"It's heartening to know so many people are working at so many levels to bring safe, clean water back to Flint," Mott Foundation President Ridgway White said. "We believe this transitional solution is the right and necessary thing to do, and we're glad we could help the state and the city make it happen."

The move to Detroit water, which is expected to carry, carries many public health benefits. As large bodies of water, the Great Lakes are naturally prone to fewer problems from large rain events and other runoff issues that can sometimes be present in shallower rivers. Additionally, the Great Lakes Water Authority water already has additional corrosion control, using phosphates to help coat the insides of pipes and limit lead from leaching into the water.

However, reconnecting with the authority will not completely resolve the city's problem with lead service lines or aging infrastructure. It will take time for pipes in Flint to become coated with the phosphate corrosion control. Additionally, some households in the city could experience lead in their drinking water until all lead pipes and plumbing are replaced.

"Reconnecting to Detroit is the fastest way to deliver clean, safe water to Flint and stabilize the infrastructure system," Flint Mayor Dayne Walling said. "I appreciate the state, the Mott Foundation, Detroit, and the county's participation in a solution for Flint's water problems. The health and safety of Flint's families, children and seniors is my top priority, and reconnecting to Detroit is a major step that the city could not take alone given budget constraints."

To best protect public health, Snyder said state and local authorities will continue to carry out steps outlined on Oct. 2 in a comprehensive action plan, including continued testing, the use of faucet filters and providing residents with accurate information about steps to eliminate lead exposure. The Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services today also committed an additional \$3.5 million for water filters, free lead testing through the state laboratory for Flint water customers, and hiring additional staff to conduct health exposure monitoring for lead in drinking water.

Free filters are available for current MDHHS clients at the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office locations. For residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs, free filters are available at the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through

Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation. At the Lippincott location only, extended hours will be offered this weekend, including until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Other good practices for residents concerned about lead include turning on the cold water tap and running the water until it's as cold as it will go. Additionally, only use cold water for cooking, drinking and especially mixing baby formula.

School test results released; more investigation planned

The state today also released the first results from its lead screening program in schools and homes. Of 37 total samples taken at 13 buildings, four samples spread over three buildings exceeded the federal action level of 15 parts per billion.

However, this sampling provides only an initial screen, and the state is committing to further testing water and inspecting plumbing at these schools. Until testing is complete, schools are advised to continue using bottled water and filtration as a precaution to protect children.

In addition, free testing is still available for any other Flint school, including daycares and Head Starts. Free testing is also available for any Flint resident.

Additional information, including more detailed lead screening results, is available at www.michigan.gov/flintwater.

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Tedder, Greg (TED)

From: Jim Casha
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Hovey, Amy; Andy.Leavitt@mail.house.gov
Subject: Fwd: Can you tell the President to 'Get the lead out ...'?

Hello Amy and Andy,

I am forwarding this email I just sent to Cliff Kellogg, the Executive Director of the Detroit Federal Working Group. I met him last week when I attended the MSHDA Board Meeting to, once again, protest the State's proposed give-away of the Kid's MI State Fairgrounds to some 'select, well-connected individuals.'

Perhaps Congressman Kildee can use this to get the real people responsible for the poisoning of Flint' children to pay ...the Federal Government ...and the State.

Then, the \$4 million that the Mott Foundation is willing to pay for someone else's mistake, could be used to address the prenatal alcohol issue I asked Congressman Kildee to help with. That's a good idea, isn't it?

Maybe Congressman Kildee could also ask Mayor Dayne Walling, who sits on the MEDC Executive Committee, the people responsible for the Kwame-style deal to give-away the Fairgrounds, to make some noise and get that *deal* stopped.

I told him a long time ago it wasn't a good idea to drink Flint River water, but he didn't listen, and to stop the Fairgrounds deal ...but he wouldn't do it.

Perhaps he'll do it now?

A 'Kwame-style deal' orchestrated by the Governor's office. Can you believe it?

Pressing on, with unwavering faith,

Jim

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From: **Jim Casha**
Date: Fri, Oct 9, 2015 at 3:11 PM
Subject: Can you tell the President to 'Get the lead out ...'?
To: CKellogg@omb.eop.gov

Mr Kellogg,

Can you tell President Obama to '*get the lead out of his rear*' and come and help Michigan's children before Governor Snyder, Mayor Duggan, newly appointed DWSD-R Director Gary Brown, and the DWSD Water Board, poison them all! Please?

As you may have heard, I heard it up in Canada (a country that overwhelmingly supports the President) on the CBC-Radio, that Flint's children have been poisoned by lead in their water. Of course, I knew that. I was on my way back home to Canada, fortunately, when I heard it. I was returning from Detroit where I attended the DWSD Water Board meeting where they voted to appoint Gary Brown to be the Director of DWSD-R.

I 'suggested' to the Water Board that Duggan's appointments were '**butt backwards**' and that Palencia Mobley, a Professional Civil Engineer, nominated by Duggan to be DWSD-R Deputy Director, should really be the Director and that Gary Brown should work ***under her*** ...or preferably not at all.

Gary Brown has no business being anywhere near the water and wastewater treatment operation. He is a professional 'police officer'. While he was there, the police department was under federal oversight.

I am a Detroit 'engineer' and have done work at the DWSD-WWTP. My boss, and former business partner, a German who emigrated to Canada, built the DWSD Port Huron Water Intake Tunnel in 1969 that supplied Flint's children with the cleanest drinking water on the planet.

As a relative newcomer to Detroit, you may not know the whole story with regards to the crisis at the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department, and the crisis in Flint, but this all came about as a result of the **failed 40 year FEDERAL Oversight of Judge Feikens**. The problem with DWSD in 1976 could have been fixed in a year had Feikens understood the 'root cause' of the EPA's lawsuit against DWSD and fixed it.

The 'root cause' was a change in the Detroit City Charter that no longer required the Director of DWSD to be a Professional Engineer and instead, he/she could be a '**political lackey**' of the Mayor. This opened the door wide for fraud, corruption, mismanagement and the resultant increase in water rates that precipitated the unnecessary Karegnondi Water Authority and Flint's disconnect from the 'cleanest drinking water on the planet' to drinking lead contaminated water...and poisoning our children.

While this wasn't a federal problem to begin with ...the failure of the federal government to step in and quickly rectify the problem was.

We need the President to insist that the Director's of ALL water & wastewater treatment facilities be Professional Engineers who swear oaths on their licenses to protect the health and well being of the public and who can tell anyone, the President included, where to go when they are asked to do stupid things that endanger the public.

Will you pass that message along to the President for me please. For the sake of the children.

I heard from Gary Brown that Mayor Duggan was in D.C. while the vote to appoint him was being held. Was he with the President discussing how to get out of the 'Kwame-style deal' he supports to give away the kids Fairgrounds to his friends ...***by any chance?***

Poison them and steal their Fairgrounds ...does the President approve of such behaviour?

If so, I'm glad I did one smart thing in my life**marry a Canadian!** And the President was right ...a single-payer universal health care system is the way to go.

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**From:** Jim Casha  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 11:42 AM  
**To:** Tedder, Greg (LARA)  
**Subject:** Can you take this message to the Governor?

Greg,

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Subject: Public Comment to the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Board of Directors - Oct. 13, 2015

To: Jim Casha

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**From:** Tedder, Greg (TED)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 3:33 PM  
**To:** 'Amaya Lynn Durkee (MEDC)'  
**Subject:** FW: Per our conversation - Detroit Homecoming

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**From:** Steve Arwood (MEDC) [mailto:arwoods1@michigan.org]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 03, 2016 5:02 PM  
**To:** Brown, Melanie (TED)  
**Cc:** Tedder, Greg (TED); Hendges, Jeremy (TED); Comai, Stephanie (TIA); Thomas, Bari (MSHDA); Nelson, Jennifer (MEDC); Feldpausch, Lynne (MEDC); Emily Guerrant; Elsenheimer, Kevin (MSHDA); Mills, Brian (MSHDA); Evans, Amiee (MEDC); Blonde, Lavonne (MEDC); Amaya Lynn Durkee (MEDC); Hoag, Valerie (MEDC)  
**Subject:** Re: Per our conversation - Detroit Homecoming

Thanks. I talked to Jeremy this weekend as well. Let's just make sure that we all know what temporary means so you are not hung out there in some civil service limbo when you are ready to come back. I will give you all the time you need to go over this with group tomorrow at leadership.

Extended Team: Director Creagh has asked us to loan Mel to DEQ for a temporary period as he reorganizes and deals with the Flint water program. Mel is the perfect person to assist Keith. Until we understand the duration of this, I am going to ask that comms matters point toward Hendges and I concur with Mel's other recommendations below as we move ahead. We will discuss further tomorrow and over the next week. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 3, 2016, at 2:55 PM, Brown, Melanie (TED) <[BrownM45@michigan.gov](mailto:BrownM45@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Detroit Homecoming –

1. They have formed the new 2016 committee and again want to know if you are willing to be on the Steering Committee. There is not budget for sponsorship this year (last year MEDC split with MSHDA, \$50K piece) so will have to consider a new dollar amount for this year.
2. They also want someone to attend the first planning committee meeting on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> (details below). I recommend Vince Nystrom or Trevor be point on this one...

Amiee – When ready, you can confirm Steve's name listed on Committee again by contacting: Keenan Covington, [kcovington@crain.com](mailto:kcovington@crain.com) / 313.446.0417

**From:** Keenan Covington [mailto:[KCovington@crain.com](mailto:KCovington@crain.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2015 10:46 AM  
**Cc:** Colleen Robar; Mary Kramer; James Hayes  
**Subject:** Detroit Homecoming 2016 Planning Meeting

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Detroit Homecoming invites you to attend the inaugural 2016 planning meeting!

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**  
**Detroit Athletic Club**  
**The Kahn Room, 7th Floor**  
**Noon-1:30 p.m.**

We invite you to participate as a Host Committee member – or a member of the Steering Committee.

Help us build on the momentum of the Detroit Homecoming experiences in 2014 and 2015. The dates for 2016: Sept. 14-16.

The shape of the 2015 Homecoming was cast by the Host Committee members who attended an early planning session. We need your ideas – and support!

Mary Kramer & Jim Hayes  
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Please send questions and RSVPs to:  
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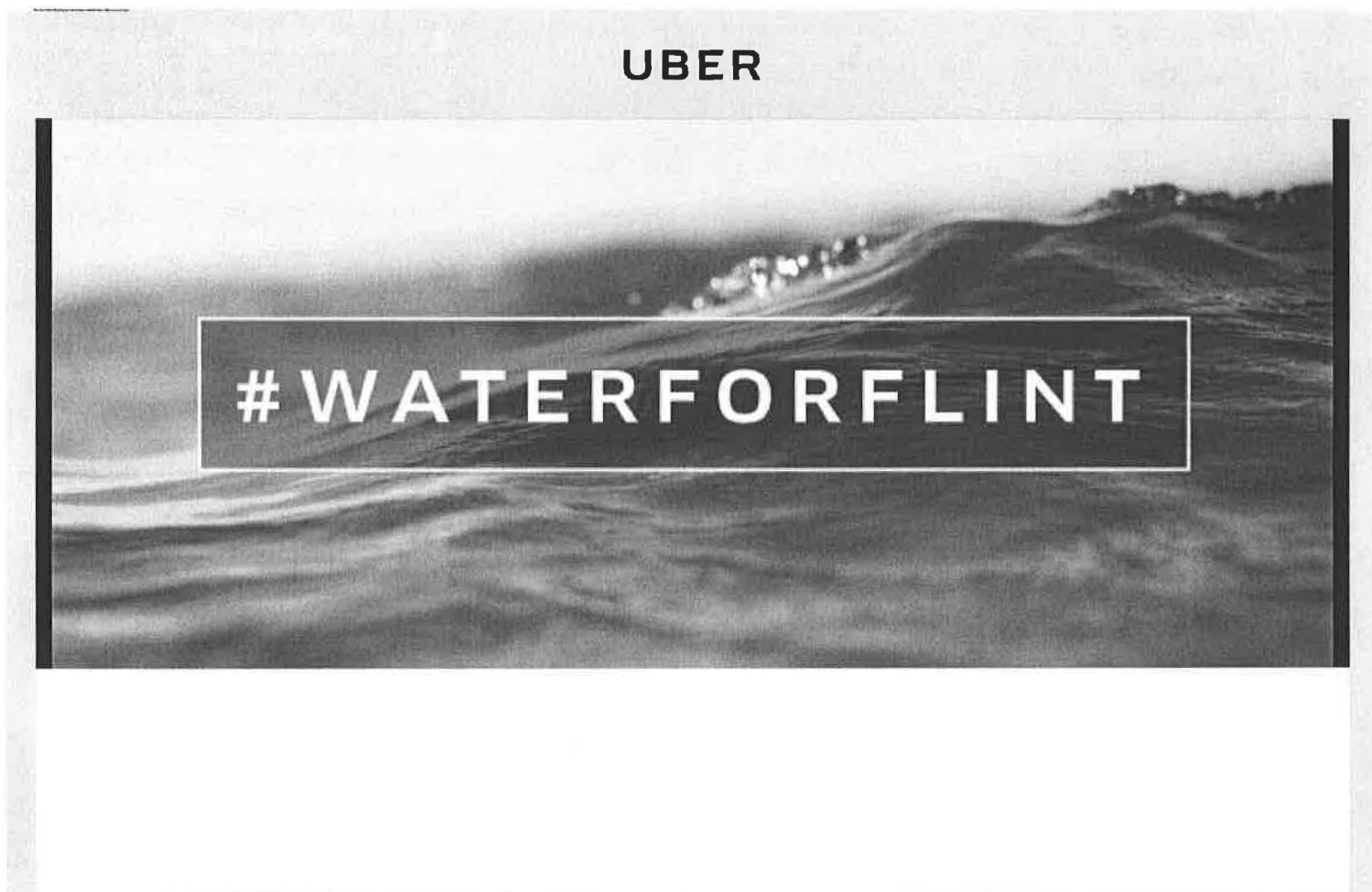
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From Tuesday, October 6 - Thursday, October 8, with the touch of a button, a driver will come to your house, office or school, to pick-up your bottled water donation. Then we'll deliver it directly to Flint Community Schools - all for free!

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**Cc:** "Hovey, Amy" <Amy.Hovey@mail.house.gov>, <Andy.Leavitt@mail.house.gov>  
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Greg,

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On my way through Ann Arbor, I wore a 'Rick for Michigan' sticker ...on my 'rear'.

But every time he 'finds money' ...instead of fixing the problem ...he stashes it the Rainy Day Fund! Why?

I'm an 'engineer' and Rick is a glorified accountant.

I can help him solve, not only the prenatal alcohol issue (which will solve many, MANY of his problems), but the Flint/DWSD water crisis, and the MI State Fairgrounds/REGIONAL Transportation issue, as well. That's what I do. Get to the 'root cause' and fix problems.

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Here is my comment to today's Free Press article on Guns. It's not the guns ...it's alcohol!

Pressing on, with unwavering faith,

Jim

I have forwarded this to Congressman Dan Kildee's office. On my second walk to D.C., I was told that former Congressman Dale Kildee was approached by some Flint foundations about addressing the prenatal alcohol exposure issue. Why doesn't Rick, pick up the entire tab for the DWSD water hook-up, and use the \$4 million dollar Mott money to address the prenatal alcohol issue?

### **Guns in Michigan churches? Bars? Schools? Maybe**

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/13/michigan-gun-bill-legislature-debate/73819462/>



James Casha ·

University of Detroit

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What is wrong with Governor Snyder ...and Brian Calley? Are all CPA's such bad problem solvers? He HAS the answer but he can't, or won't, 'see it'. The FATAL Link with most mass school shootings is PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE. Those cases of autistic/Aspergers should be analyzed for possible links to prenatal alcohol exposure., i.e., Sandy Hook & Oregon.

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Amiee – When ready, you can confirm Steve's name listed on Committee again by contacting: Keenan Covington, [kcovington@crain.com](mailto:kcovington@crain.com) / 313.446.0417

**From:** Keenan Covington [<mailto:KCovington@crain.com>]  
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